

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2015, MEETING OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE CITY OFFICE COMPLEX

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Shimizu, Gayle Conger, Max Evans, Sylvia Orton
Don Antczak, Bev Lund, Carol Woodside

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dean Smart, Jerri Harwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Peterson, City Councilman, Debbie Tyler

Tom Shimizu opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and turned the time over to Debbie Tyler who represented the committee "Friends of Butler Elementary." The committee is in the process of contacting school alumni. The present Butler School will be torn down next year. There are exciting events that will happen in conjunction to the opening of the new school. One of these will be opening the time capsule under the old school bell located at the site of the original elementary school on the north side of Fort Union Blvd. New material will be added to that capsule, including copies of some of the photos we loaned to the school. The students are also voting on a statue of a Bobcat, the school mascot, to be placed in the new school.

Their committee would like to link to our city web page in hopes of finding those interested in the events taking place regarding the school and all of the activities planned. Our committee thought this would be a very good idea and they will contact Melinda Hortin and Dan Metcalf to accomplish the work.

Ms. Tyler also thought that the photos and yearbooks for the years, 1945-1960 are in storage at the Canyons District office. Mike Peterson will check on this.

Mike Peterson reported that the new street signs had been approved and will be installed. He also reported that the contractors of our new city Hall are moving along on schedule. Also, Linda Dunleavy has stepped down as Deputy city Manager and will now assume the position of city Recorder. A Mr. Haderly will replace her as Deputy City Manager. The committee expressed their excitement that Ms. Dunleavy will be staying on with the City.

Sylvia Orton reported that she has forwarded photos of our get together with the Mayor and City Council to Dan Metcalf and Jerri Harwell is writing the article to accompany the photos. They will appear in the November issue of the City newsletter.

Gayle Conger had requested that all the committee members bring their material that has been collected to the meeting. Ms. Conger, Mr. Shimizu, and Ms. Orton all turned in their material and Ms. Woodside and Harwell are still working on theirs but will email it to Ms. Conger within the next few days. Ms. Conger will make arrangements with Mr. Allen Roberts to turn all the information over to him.

There will be a committee set up to meet with Mr. Roberts and they will report back to the Historic Committee. Ms. Conger was placed in charge of being the lead on this project. She will contact him and set up the first meeting and let the "History" committee know date, time and place.

Tom Shimizu reported that Dean smart has asked to be released. He feels that he does not have the time that is needed to attend our meetings and help with the history collection. Councilman Peterson asked Mr. Shimizu to have Mr. Smart write a note to the City regarding his desire

The question was asked about the Brown and Sanford Ditch records. The last we knew they had been placed in the first room the City had given to our committee for the storage of our important papers, but since they were moved to the present location we have not been able to find them. Ms. Conger reported that she has done some checking and has found out that BYU has copies of the Ditch records so we do have an option if they can't be located.

Carol Woodside is interested in cataloging our information. Mr. Shimizu and Councilman Peterson both agreed that at some point we need to do it.

The question arose regarding the number of members our committee needs. Mr. Shimizu checked the City Ordinance and it calls for a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 11 members.

Ms. Woodside asked if our committee was going to prepare an exhibit in February at the library. This was a suggestion at our get together from Ms. Tyler. Jerri Harwell had suggested we could link it to Black History Month. Once again because of the work involved with our history project we might want to hold off on adding additional projects until this project is completed.

Mr. Shimizu adjourned the meeting at 6:45 P.M. There will not be a meeting in November or December unless there is something important that needs to be taken care of.